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STILLWAGON ET AL.)

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Preliminary to the first Office Action and subsequent to the first Preliminary Amendment dated March 10, 1994, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5-7, 10, 20 and 28 by adding the underlined sections and deleting the sections in brackets ([]):

1. (Twice Amended) A latching apparatus comprising:
- a post member defining,
 - an elongated axis,
 - an elongated, axially extending latching surface defined by at least one outer radius from said elongated axis, and
 - an elongated, axially extending releasing surface defined by at least one inner radius from said elongated axis, wherein said outer radius is greater than said inner radius;
 - a latching assembly defining a passage for receiving said post member and including a grip means extending at least partially into said passage for, effecting a grip between said post member and said latching assembly when said grip means [engages] cooperates with said latching surface, and

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